StatsUpdate

Topic: **Daily or Occasional Smokers**
2011
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Background:

In 2011, more than half of the population aged 12 years and over in Nunavut's 10 largest communities were daily or occasional smokers. This is the highest proportion of smokers in all provinces and territories and three times the national average of **20%.**

The proportion of daily or occasional smokers in Nunavut's 10 largest communities has declined from **65%** in 2003 to **60%** in 2011.

In Nunavut's 10 largest communities, smoking rates were highest among 35 to 44 year-olds where about 7 out of 10 in that age group smoked daily or occasionally in 2011.

Detail:

Percentage of Daily or Occasional Smokers Amongst the Population 12 Years and Over, by Province and Territory, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	%						
Nunavut – 10 largest communities	**65**	**53**	**59**	**54**	**61**	**54**	**60**
Canada	**23**	**22**	**22**	**21**	**20**	**21**	**20**
Newfoundland and Labrador	24	23	25	25	23	23	20
Prince Edward Island	24	22	22	21	20	24	21
Nova Scotia	24	23	24	24	23	23	22
New Brunswick	25	23	23	23	22	23	22
Quebec	26	24	25	23	23	23	21
Ontario	22	21	21	20	19	19	19
Manitoba	23	21	23	24	21	19	20
Saskatchewan	24	24	26	25	22	23	24
Alberta	23	23	22	23	23	23	22
British Columbia	19	18	18	19	16	17	16
Yukon	28	30	36	32	36	28	29
Northwest Territories	37	36	38	34	36	42	35

Source: *Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey, CANSIM # 105-0501*

Note: *Since 2007, data for the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) are collected yearly instead of every two years.*

Definitions:
Daily smokers *refers to those who reported smoking cigarettes every day.*
Occasional smokers *refers to those who reported smoking cigarettes occasionally. This includes former daily smokers who now smoke occasionally.*

For more statistical information, visit our website at http://www.gov.nu.ca/eia/stats/index.html.